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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING  
CURRENCY BILLS AND SUBSTITUTE  
CURRENCY MEDIA IN  
A SINGLE DEVICE

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Examiner: J. A. Shapiro

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
DATED DECEMBER 18, 2008**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 18, 2008. This response is being timely filed within **two** months from the date of mailing of the Final Office Action, *i.e.*, by February 18, 2009. Thus, the shortened statutory period for reply will now depend on the mailing date of the subsequent Advisory Action.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 17 of this paper.